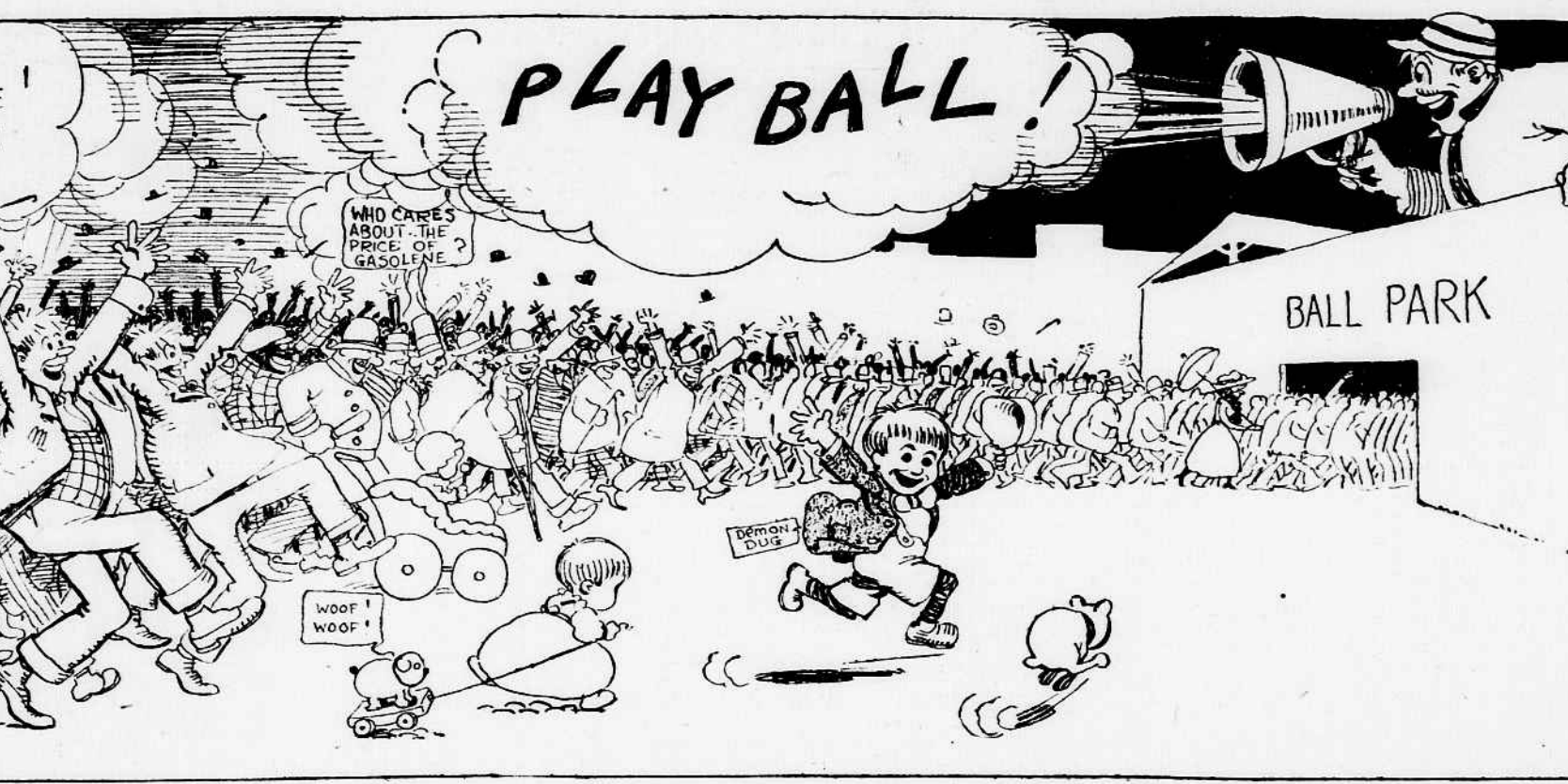


THE CALL OF THE BALL.



PLAY BALL!



By Ripley.

MAY PLAY MATCH FOR CHESS TITLE

Marshall Likely to Meet Whitaker, Local Master, for U. S. Championship.

CLUBS TO TAKE PART IN GAMES THIS WEEK

Washington C. and W. Organization to Meet Georgetown Team. Players in Court.

BOXING GAME IN NEW YORK NOW IS IN GOOD CONDITION

Under Supervision of Proper Authorities Business and Professional Men Are Satisfied With Present Conditions.

BY T. S. ANDREWS. Special Correspondent to The Star. Following the Willard-Moran ten-round contest at Madison Square Garden in New York there was little discussion at sporting headquarters outside of boxing. With Big Jess out of the city Moran occupied the center of the stage, and he made the best of it. The latest agitation against the fistie game in the Empire state was discussed pro and con by the boxers and managers, but no one seemed to take the matter seriously. The business and professional men also talked over the affair and all were agreed that it would be much better to leave boxing alone—under the supervision of the proper authorities—rather than go back to the days of private fights to a finish in barns or back rooms of saloons and the consequent dangers that go with such events. The impression before the match that it would be the last of such events on a big scale was evidently wrong, for no sooner was the Willard-Moran bout over than the promoters began to plan for a big match among the heavyweights on a mammoth scale, while another is trying to work up a big event among the lightweights or middleweights. Offers have again been made to Les Darcy, the Australian sensation, to come over for a fight with Mike Gibbons. Such a match would be almost as great a card as, if not greater than, the one between Willard and Welsh, of course, is expected to figure in the lightweight class. These events doubtless would be held in the open air at one of the ball parks or motor-dromes.

With Willard and Moran out of the way for the time being, the greatest interest is manifested in Fred Fulton, the Rochester (Minny) Giant, who was matched some few months ago to meet Willard in a twenty-round battle, but which fell through. Fulton's manager, Mike Collins, made the round trip to New York and advertised his man well. He also made a favorable impression with a match for a woman's prize being matched to fight three battles in New York. This figure is guaranteed sum of \$30,000. This figure is a guaranteed sum of \$30,000. This figure is a guaranteed sum of \$30,000.

TENER IS ENTHUSIASTIC

National League President Predicts Splendid Season for Base Ball.

NEW YORK, April 8.—John K. Tener, president of the National League, issued the following statement yesterday on the outlook for base ball in 1916: "Splendid! That's my opinion of the base ball outlook for 1916, not merely in the National League, but for every diamond organization in the country. 'Not since I have been connected with the great national game, either as player, rooster or executive, have prospects been brighter for all concerned. 'The mass of people in this country love the old game. During the last two years they have not shown it so much as in other years, but that was due to two things. One was the European war, which, for a time, brought about a business depression. The other was the base ball war, which placed the affairs of base ball in a chaotic state. 'But now all is changed. The country is enjoying prosperity greater than ever before in its history. The people have money, and they do not feel that the time is coming when they will need sacrifice later to make up for the outlay. 'The conditions in the base ball world mean that the game itself will be from 20 to 40 per cent faster and better than it was during the last two years. The players realize now that they must play the game and they will, and they will play it better than ever before. There will be no shirking. The boys will be out there day after day, battling every inch of the way, not merely because they must play at full speed to retain their jobs, but because their hearts are in it. 'I look for one of the prettiest races the National League has ever known, and from what I hear of the base ball League will stage a fight equally thrilling. Some of the clubs in our league have a chance for the pennant that has never before been theirs. 'Barring a rupture in our international relations, some serious trouble in Mexico, the 1916 season undoubtedly will be the most prosperous and best in the long and honorable history of the national game.'

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EVEN SIGNS MOUNTAINERS.

Mack Not Particular About Hailing Places of Players So They Make Good

While in New York at the National League meeting Pat Moran told an experience which illustrates how deep into the underbrush Connie Mack goes in search of his playing talent. Pat was indulging in his favorite winter pastime of fishing through the ice for pickerel deep in the mountain wilderness of Massachusetts, having gone into camp in an old deserted lumberman's cabin back in the big woods, when he happened on another man setting his reels around the pickerel holes in the ice on a lake which Pat and his companions fished. Getting into conversation with the man Pat disclosed his identity and then the subject turned to base ball, the stranger informing Pat that he had a brother who was going to be a big league ball player. 'Where's your brother?' asked Pat. 'Up on the mountain cutting timber,' was the answer. 'Where does he play ball?' asked Pat. 'Well,' answered the stranger, 'he's gonna play with Connie Mack next summer; he ain't never done much playing except around here. 'Pat invited him to bring his brother over to camp, and that night the stranger ushered into the cabin a whole lot of a giant about six feet five inches tall and a yard across the shoulders, the fellow being so big that when he sat in an ordinary chair his knees stuck up around his ears. They couldn't drag a word out of the giant, who sat with his ponderous hands crossed on his knees all evening, but his brother divulged the information that his name was Benis, and that he is going to Philadelphia to pitch for Connie Mack in the spring.

NATIONALS OF OLD BROKE INTO AMERICAN LEAGUE

Winning Abroad and at Home.

JIM MANNING THE LEADER

Old Fans Will Never Forget That Line-Up Back in 1901.

BY ERNEST J. LANIGAN. Washington's Nationals were successful in the first game they played in the American League, and in the first game they played on their home green. It was in Philadelphia, April 26, 1901, in the fifth game of the season, that the Nationals engaged in mortal combat for the first time with a team in the expanded American League, this city's representatives and Connie Mack's Athletics having been held up for two days by the Storm King, in their effort to lift the championship lid. The contest was played at old Columbia Park before 15,000 people—all that the park could accommodate. The Washingtons won easily, 5 to 1. The Mackmen could not locate Bill Carrick when his meant runs, while the Nationals could and did jar C. Cooper Fraser from a base steal in the eighth. 'Chin,' now a sleuth and a member of Barney Dreyfuss' board of strategy, received atrocious support, the infielders, who were Charles Carr, Napoleon Lajoie, Lave Cross and Dave Fultz, blowing themselves to six errors. The only mistake behind the plate, Bill Carrick, was a wild throw by his backstop, Bill Clarke, and it cost a shut-out. Carrick's first baseman, was fired from the controversy in the second inning by Emory Haskell for disputing a call. Fraser, as today's sleuth for the Athletics, was the man who took part in the Washington-Athletic game of fifteen years ago. Napoleon Lajoie is of fifteen years ago, Napoleon Lajoie is of fifteen years ago, Napoleon Lajoie is of fifteen years ago.

QUAKER ATHLETES HONORED.

Seniors Exalt Hardwick, Chickering, Littleton and Meredith.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—At the election for honor men of the senior class at the University of Pennsylvania, held yesterday, Gordon A. Hardwick, president of the class, won first place as the sponon man; W. E. Chickering, obtained second place as the best athlete; Arthur Littleton won third place as the best student; and J. E. Meredith ran fourth as the sponon man. Hardwick, a member of the wrestling team, is a member of the wrestling team, is a member of the wrestling team, is a member of the wrestling team.

TO CUT CATCHING STAFF.

Manager McGraw Says He Will Carry Only Three This Year.

NEW YORK, April 8.—John McGraw, it is said, will cut his catching staff down to three men. Rariden and Dooin are sure of jobs. Kocher and Wendell will fight it out, with the odds in favor of the former. Kenny and Sandberg will be the main return to the staff. McGraw does not mean an improvement over his catching of the past few years. He has not had a good catcher since Meyers began to go back. Wilson and Hartley never fitted into the McGraw style of play, for they did not think fast enough.

CONVICTS PLAY WELL.

Coast League Team Battles With San Quentin Boys.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—A team made up mostly of Coast League players recently played a game against the San Quentin prison team, and though the convicts were beaten, 15 to 10, they put up a remarkably good game. The team consisted of 2500 men and women prisoners. The game was fought during the excitement one convict so far from the prison players. Anything McGraw does not mean an improvement over his catching of the past few years. He has not had a good catcher since Meyers began to go back. Wilson and Hartley never fitted into the McGraw style of play, for they did not think fast enough.

FRANK BAKER MODEST.

Makes No Predictions, But Hopes to Come Back.

NEW YORK, April 8.—J. Franklin Home Run Baker is very much unlike Babe Ruth. While Mr. Cobb expounds his oratory upon the public and announces that he will hit 1,678.23 for the coming season, that he will knock the ball down the pitcher's throat and make Ty Cobb look like a thimble of a hitting post when it comes to running bases, J. Franklin modestly admits that he has been out of base ball for a year, does not know exactly how this will affect his batting eye, but thinks he will have a good season.

DOES NOT LIKE CUBS.

Harry McIntyre Says Tinker's Crew Will Be Easy.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Harry McIntyre, formerly with the Brooklyns and the Cubs, says: "I can pick one club that will not be hard to beat out, and that is the Cubs. In my opinion Tinker has only two first-class championship ball players on his team, and they are Saler and Zimmerman. He is very weak around second base, and none too strong in the outfield. It looks to me as if he is trying to prove that the Cubs are a major league, which can't be done, and he will run in the second division in making the effort."

KILBAE BIG ASSET

Featherweight Champion Valued at \$1,000,000.

MADE \$40,000 LAST YEAR

Why the Titleholder Broke His Contract With George Chaney.

PHILADELPHIA, April 8.—It has been a mystery to the public why Johnny Kilbane, who is now rated as the ex-champion featherweight of America, so completely sidestepped a match with George Chaney of Baltimore, for the world's title, says the Public Ledger. It is no longer a mystery. The match was leaked out. Manager Jimmy Dunn, who made a hurried visit to this city last Monday, made the confession. A man of Dunn's importance cannot drift into a city without his presence being known, nor his business cannot be concealed, for that matter. Dunn is no exception to the rule. He simply stopped over in Philadelphia to say "How do you?" to a few friends and feel the pulse of the promoters for a Kilbane-Chaney bout. Nothing doing in the six-round line, he quickly discovered. Such a contest would be suicidal to the public, since it would mean a fight of two men who were not in the best of health. An adjacent county to Philadelphia is a matter of course. Kilbane is a man of responsible sportsmen are willing to go as high as \$10,000 for such a bout. That looked good to Dunn. But when a few—just a few—minor details were discussed Dunn found that the public would not get out for the title without a decision, but the wily manager does not take kindly to decisions. Kilbane won the title from Attell on a decision which many questioned at the time, but he got away with it.

Would Not Risk Title.

"Do you suppose I would jeopardize Kilbane's title?" Dunn quickly ejaculated when the question was forced on him. "Why, he is worth \$1,000,000 to me. You don't believe it? Well, we made \$40,000 last year, and isn't that the interest of \$1,000,000 at 4 per cent? I am figuring low, at that, when you consider the war rates. So why should Kilbane take a chance with such a tough fellow as Chaney when we can go along and pick up easy money, such as a crack in the ribs, or a money winner, and I am going to pilot him right along the same lines."

FORMER NAP A SUICIDE.

Ed Hohnhorst, Once With Cleveland, Shoots Himself.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8.—Ed Hohnhorst, well known in the minor leagues and once on trial with the Cleveland Americans, killed himself at his home in Covington, Ky., March 28. Hohnhorst was a policeman in Covington and a year ago shot a negro who had resisted arrest. Fellow policemen say the tragedy preyed on Hohnhorst's mind. He was thirty-five years old and began his professional career in the Carolina Association in 1908. Later he played in the Southern and Texas leagues and the American Association, and then went to Cleveland. He was in 1915 after which he quit the game and was appointed to a position on the Covington police force.

GOOD GOLFER WILL DEPEND UPON FEEL OF HIS CLUBS

That Is His Only Way of Telling Whether or Not He Has Picked Up a Driver or Iron That Suits Him.

One of the hardest conditions which a golfer has to face, whether he is an expert or not, is the selection of a fine set of clubs, a bag of links weapons attuned to the player, writes John G. Anderson in the New York Sun. This is not due to the fact that there are no sufficient quantities of perfect clubs to go around. It is the sense of "feel," of "touch," which communicates itself almost immediately when a golf club is handled, making the selection a matter of something other than the shape or finished appearance which may please the eye.

It is not very difficult to diagnose what we mean by the feel of a club in its relation to the player. It is that relation, pleasant or unpleasant, communicated through the club head to the hands, the shaft and even the grip on the handle to the fingers and hand and on to the brain. That "feel," unlike other such intricate sensations, is not a matter of the intellect, but of the emotions. If you are in a calm state of mind and at that time have the selection of a club, or two, the "feel" will be the determining factor. Golfers who have broken clubs on the links and have hurried to the professional's shop to replenish their set with a driver which is a new club, and an inability to play the shots as they believe they should seldom take a club which does not appeal to them in the way of the feel. The feel of a club is a matter of the emotions, and it is the only way of telling whether or not he has picked up a driver or iron that suits him.

The length of the club has little to do with the feel of the head and other kindred parts. Seven years ago "Chick" Evans played with clubs which were on the long side, but two years ago at Ekron he played with clubs which were on the short side, and he found that the length which was shorter by several inches. Frank Hoyt, runner up in two Massachusetts championships, plays with a driver which is forty-eight inches. Frank Hoyt, runner up in two with one shorter unless he had the feel of the club, which is the only way of telling whether or not he has picked up a driver or iron that suits him.

PEER RELATINGS

Final Classification of Colleges and Schools for Big Meet.

LOCAL TEAMS ENTERED

George Washington in Class 3, Catholic University in Class 4 and Aggies in Class 6.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—The final classification of the colleges and schools entered in the various relays, except the championship events, were announced today by the management of the University of Pennsylvania's relay carnival, which will be held April 28 and 29. Although the championship entries will not be finally decided until the end of the week, a representative list of starters already is assured.

On the one-mile race the entries are Harvard, Chicago, Princeton, Dartmouth, Kansas, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. In the two-mile are Michigan, Kansas, Princeton, Yale and Pennsylvania, while Cornell will meet the Massachusetts Institute of Technology team that defeated it at the indoor relays in the four-mile championship event. Other colleges represented in the special events include Illinois, Missouri, Notre Dame, Kansas, Indiana, Occidental, Brigham Young, Iowa State and Georgetown University. The class B championship relay entries are Columbia University, Syracuse University, Pennsylvania State University, Agricultural College, Holy Cross and Pennsylvania State college.

Other relay teams will compete as follows: Class 1—Swarthmore, Fordham, Johns Hopkins, University of New York, College and Buffalo University. Class 2—Duke University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, University of California, Haverford, Wesleyan, Hamilton and Newberry. Class 3—Harvard, Lehigh, Lafayette, Bucknell, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers, Dickinson and George Washington. Class 4—Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania State, St. John's, Annapolis, Catholic University, St. Joseph's, Lehigh, Bucknell, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers, Dickinson and George Washington. Class 5—College of Jersey City, New York Law School, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, University of New York, Drexel Institute, Temple College, New York College of Dental and Oral Surgery, Indiana Normal School and Virginia Military Institute. Class 6—Massachusetts Normal School, Delaware College, Maryland Agricultural, Ursinus, Villa Nova, Lebanon Valley, Juniata, Rhode Island State, Trenton University of Industrial Art.

Peter F. Kelley, former Boston newspaper writer and secretary of the Boston National League club, has been appointed business manager of the Pittsburgh club by President Barney Dreyfuss.

PITCHER BOUGHT BY YANKEES FOR \$9,000 FAILS TO MAKE GOOD.

NEW YORK, April 8.—It seems that Manager Bill Donovan of the Yankees has found a real club magnate in Capt. T. H. Hunter. They disputed over the fate of Pitcher Dan Tipton, for whom the New York Club had paid \$9,000 or so. Donovan decided Tipton would not do, and ordered him to the Baltimore International. All other major league managers agreeing that he didn't look good, but Hunter, remembering the price paid for the pitcher, insisted he should be given more trial. Donovan will win out in the end, for Tipton does not appear to be of major league caliber and the scout who reported on him as the guy who should be bled.